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Pursuant to Rule 97 and in compliance with Rule 56, Applicant hereby makes of record the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed items are enclosed.

None of these items discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits so no fee is required.

However, should there be a fee associated with this document, you are authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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